a commission or agency basis, transmit or deliver to the person for whose account such purchase was made, or the duly authorized agent, a true written account of the purchase showing the number, weight, and price of each kind of animal purchased, the names of the persons from whom purchased, the date of purchase, the commission and other lawful charges, and such other facts as may be necessary to complete the account and show fully the true nature of the transaction.

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(7 U.S.C. 181 et seq.)

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§ 201.45 Market agencies to make records available for inspection by owners, consignors, and purchasers.

Each market agency engaged in the business of selling or buying livestock on a commission or agency basis shall, on request from an owner, consignor, or purchaser, make available copies of bills covering charges paid by such market agency for and on behalf of the owner, consignor, or purchaser which were deducted from the gross proceeds of the sale of livestock or added to the purchase price thereof when accounting for the sale or purchase.

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 $\begin{array}{l} (7\ U.S.C.\ 181\ et\ seq.;\ Pub.\ L.\ 96-511,\ 94\ Stat.\\ 2812\ (44\ U.S.C.\ 3501\ et\ seq.)) \end{array}$

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§ 201.49 Requirements regarding scale tickets evidencing weighing of live-stock, live poultry, and feed.

(a) Livestock. When livestock is weighed for the purpose of purchase or sale, a scale ticket shall be issued which shall be serially numbered and used in numerical sequence. Sufficient copies shall be executed to provide a copy to all parties to the transaction. In instances where the weight values are automatically recorded directly on the account of purchase, account of

sale or other basic record, this record may serve in lieu of a scale ticket. When livestock is purchased on a carcass weight or carcass grade and weight basis, the hot carcass weights shall be recorded using a scale equipped with a printing device, and such printed weights shall be retained as part of the person or firm's business records to substantiate settlement on each transaction. Scale tickets issued under this section shall show:

- (1) The names and location of the agency performing the weighing service.
 - (2) The date of the weighing;
- (3) The name of the buyer and seller or consignor, or a designation by which they may be readily identified;
 - (4) The number of head;
 - (5) Kind of livestock;
- (6) Actual weight of each draft of livestock; and
- (7) The name, initials, or number of the person who weighed the livestock, or if required by State law, the signature of the weigher.
- (b) *Poultry*. When live poultry is weighed for the purpose of purchase, sale, acquisition, or settlement by a live poultry dealer, a scale ticket shall be issued which shall show:
- (1) The name of the agency performing the weighing service;
- (2) The name of the live poultry dealer:
- (3) The name and address of the grower, purchaser, or seller;
- (4) The name or initials or number of the person who weighed the poultry, or if required by State law, the signature of the weigher;
 - (5) The location of the scale;
- (6) The gross weight, tare weight, and net weight;
- (7) The date and time gross weight and tare weight are determined:
 - (8) The number of poultry weighed;
 - (9) The weather conditions;
- (10) Whether the driver was on or off the truck at the time of weighing; and
- (11) The license number of the truck or the truck number; provided, that when live poultry is weighed on a scale other than a vehicle scale, the scale ticket need not show the information specified in paragraphs (b)(9)–(11) of this section. Scale tickets issued under

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this paragraph shall be at least in duplicate form and shall be serially numbered and used in numerical sequence. One copy shall be furnished to the grower, purchaser, or seller, and one copy shall be furnished to or retained by the live poultry dealer.

- (c) Feed. (1) Whenever feed is weighed by or on behalf of a stockyard owner, market agency, dealer, packer, or live poultry dealer where the weight of feed is a factor in determining payment or settlement to a livestock grower or poultry grower, a scale ticket shall be issued which shall show:
- (i) The name of the agency performing the weighing service or the name and location of the firm responsible for supplying the feed;
- (ii) The name and address of the livestock grower or poultry grower;
- (iii) The name or initials or number of the person who weighed the feed, or if required by State law, the signature of the weigher;
 - (iv) The location of the scale;
- (v) The gross weight, tare weight, and net weight of each lot assigned to an individual grower, if applicable;
- (vi) The date and time gross weight and tare weight, if gross and tare weights are applicable, are determined;
- (vii) The identification of each lot assigned to an individual grower by vehicle or trailer compartment number and seal numbers, if applicable;
- (viii) Whether the driver was on or off the truck at the time of weighing, if applicable; and
- (ix) The license number or other identification numbers on the truck and trailer, if weighed together, or trailer if only the trailer is weighed, if applicable.
- (2) Scale tickets issued under this paragraph shall be at least in duplicate form and shall be serially numbered and used in numerical sequence. One copy shall be retained by the person subject to the P&S Act, and a second copy shall be furnished to the livestock grower or poultry grower.

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TRADE PRACTICES

§ 201.53 Persons subject to the Act not to circulate misleading reports about market conditions or prices.

No packer, swine contractor, live poultry dealer, stockyard owner, market agency, or dealer shall knowingly make, issue, or circulate any false or misleading reports, records, or representation concerning the market conditions or the prices or sale of any livestock, meat, or live poultry.

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§ 201.55 Purchases, sales, acquisitions, payments and settlements to be made on actual weights.

- (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, whenever livestock or live poultry is bought, sold, acquired, paid, or settled on a weight basis, or whenever the weight of feed is a factor in determining payment or settlement to a livestock grower or poultry grower by a stockyard owner, market agency, dealer, packer, or live poultry dealer when livestock or poultry is produced under a growing arrangement, payment or settlement shall be on the basis of the actual weight of the livestock, live poultry, and/or feed shown on the scale ticket. If the actual weight used is not obtained on the date and at the place of transfer of possession, this information shall be disclosed with the date and location of the weighing on the accountings, bills, or statements issued. Any adjustment to the actual weight shall be fully and accurately explained on the accountings, bills, or statements issued, and records shall be maintained to support such adjustment.
- (b) Whenever the weight of feed is a factor in determining payment or settlement to such livestock grower or poultry grower when the livestock or poultry is produced under a livestock or poultry growing arrangement, any feed that is picked up from or returned by a livestock grower or poultry grower must be weighed or its weight must be reasonably determined. When feed is picked up or returned and not weighed, the stockyard owner, market agency, dealer, packer, or live poultry dealer must document that the method used reasonably determines weight and is